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- Snowfall in California December 30 prompted a portion of Ortega Highway to close indefinitely and the 15 Freeway to close for several hours while fire officials rescued about 186 drivers that were trapped along Highway 138. – *KABC 7 Los Angeles* (See item [5](#))
- Approximately 319 flights were delayed and 102 additional flights were cancelled at San Francisco International Airport December 30 due to windy conditions. – *KPIX 5 San Francisco* (See item [8](#))
- A partial wall collapse at a Morton Salt storage facility in Chicago December 30 caused tons of salt to spill into the adjacent McGrath Acura dealership's parking lot damaging several cars. – *Chicago Sun-Times* (See item [13](#))
- Researchers found that 4G USB modems contain exploitable vulnerabilities which could allow attackers to gain full control of the machines to which the devices are connected to including smartphones, industrial control systems (ICS), and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) machines. – *Threatpost* (See item [29](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *December 30, KPIX 5 San Francisco; San Francisco Bay City News* – (California) **Outages keep PG&E crews working into the night; more than 30,000 Bay Area homes still in the dark.** Utility crews worked to restore service to 30,000 customers in the San Francisco Bay Area that remained without power due to high winds December 30. At the height of the outage 170,000 customers lost service.
Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2014/12/30/outages-keep-pge-crews-working-into-the-night-more-than-30000-bay-area-homes-still-in-the-dark/>
2. *December 30, WBIR 10 Knoxville* – (Kentucky) **TVA decides not to retire two units at Ky. coal-fired plant.** The Tennessee Valley Authority announced its decision December 30 to install additional air pollution controls at Shawnee Fossil Plant in Kentucky instead of retiring two units as part of an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The installations will reduce nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide emissions and must be completed by December 2017.
Source: <http://www.wbir.com/story/money/companies/2014/12/30/tva-decides-not-to-retire-two-units-at-ky-coal-fired-plant/21047579/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *December 29, WAFB 9 Baton Rouge* – (Louisiana) **Three workers hospitalized after chlorine release chemical plant.** A chlorine release from a product storage tank at the Olin Chlor Alkali chemical plant in St. Gabriel sent three workers to the hospital for evaluation after they were exposed to the chemical December 29. No off-site impact was reported but a vapor cloud was seen hanging over the plant.
Source: <http://www.wafb.com/story/27723243/three-workers-hospitalized-after-chlorine-release-chemical-plant>

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Financial Services Sector

4. *December 31, KSNV 3 Las Vegas* – (Nevada; Illinois) **Seven face federal indictment in telemarketing scheme.** Six individuals from Las Vegas and 1 from Illinois were charged by a federal grand jury in Las Vegas December 30 for their involvement in a scheme where they allegedly organized and operated 4 telemarketing companies and offered to help small business owners obtain grants from public and private entities in exchange for fees from about 2007 to 2010.

Source: <http://www.mynews3.com/content/news/story/las-vegas-federal-grand-jury-telemarketing-scheme/KKrMBsLApU-FMmdXE7I84A.csp>

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Transportation Systems Sector

5. *December 31, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **Southern California snow: Nearly 200 drivers rescued, Ortega Highway closed.** Snowfall in southern California December 30 prompted Ortega Highway between Riverside and Orange counties to close until further notice and the 15 Freeway to close for several hours overnight before reopening December 31. San Bernardino County fire officials used snowcats to rescue about 186 drivers that were trapped along Highway 138 near Crestline.

Source: <http://abc7.com/weather/socal-snow-more-than-130-drivers-stuck-15-fwy-ortega-highway-closed/456192/>

6. *December 31, Daily News of Newburyport* – (Massachusetts) **Crash, fuel spill snarl traffic on I-495.** A 2-vehicle accident involving a semi-truck closed 2 northbound lanes of Interstate 495 in Merrimac for several hours December 30 while crews cleaned an estimated 150 gallon fuel spill from the semi-truck. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

Source: http://www.newburyportnews.com/news/local_news/crash-fuel-spill-snarl-traffic-on-i/article_4f8b3cab-cb4f-5ca9-93f2-4cb422b5d45b.html

7. *December 30, Softpedia* – (International) **MileagePlus accounts of United Airlines frequent flyers accessed by unauthorized party.** United Airlines officials reported that certain MileagePlus members' accounts were suspended as a precaution after hackers breached a third-party service to gain access to members' log-in credentials and account information, including MileagePlus number, account balance and status,

and email address, beginning December 24.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/MileagePlus-Accounts-of-United-Airlines-Frequent-Flyers-Accessed-By-Unauthorized-Party-468673.shtml>

8. *December 30, KPIX 5 San Francisco* – (California) **Windy conditions cause 100s of flight cancellations, delays at SFO; travelers should call ahead.** Approximately 319 flights were delayed and 102 additional flights were cancelled at San Francisco International Airport in California December 30 due to windy conditions.
Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2014/12/30/windy-conditions-cause-100s-of-flight-cancellations-delays-at-sfo-travelers-call-ahead/>
9. *December 30, Sunbury Daily Item* – (Pennsylvania; Georgia) **4 college students ‘exploring’ at FAA tower, troopers say.** Four men were charged for allegedly breaking into a Federal Aviation Administration air traffic navigation tower in Snyder County December 28 triggering an intruder alarm that shut down the Very High Frequency Omni Directional Range signal. Authorities reported that there was no damage to the building or equipment and there was no safety risk posed to any aircraft.
Source: http://www.dailyitem.com/news/college-students-exploring-at-faa-tower-troopers-say/article_c4b733e8-8fbf-11e4-b435-cbba8d3ec675.html
10. *December 30, Associated Press* – (New York) **Car-carrier truck crashes, leaving some of its cargo overturned on New York City highway.** A stretch of the Long Island Expressway in the Queens area of New York City was closed for more than 2 hours December 30 after a semi-truck jackknifed and some of the cars it was carrying fell onto the roadway. One person was injured in the accident.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/462204133b2b486f92476f280d750224/NY--Car-Carrier-Crash>
11. *December 30, Attleboro Sun Chronicle* – (Massachusetts) **Tractor-trailer rollover spills scrap metal, ties up highway traffic in Attleboro area for hours.** A semi-truck crashed and spilled its cargo of scrap metal onto Interstate 95 south near Attleboro December 29 closing lanes in both directions of the highway for approximately 7 hours. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and a contractor responded to the scene to clean an estimated 60 to 70 gallons of fuel that spilled when the truck’s saddle tank ruptured.
Source: http://www.thesunchronicle.com/news/local_news/tractor-trailer-rollover-spills-scrap-metal-ties-up-highway-traffic/article_df75978e-8f91-11e4-8328-9b349ba6729a.html

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Food and Agriculture Sector

12. *December 31, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Tennessee firm recalls chicken products due to misbranding and undeclared allergens.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service announced December 31 that Campos Foods, LLC issued a

- recall for about 5,300 pounds of Rockin' Roasted roasted chicken products following a recall for a third party supplier's spice ingredient that was contaminated with peanut allergens. The affected products were sent to distribution centers nationwide.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2014/recall-093-2014-release>
13. *December 30, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Building collapse at Morton Salt on North Side.** A partial wall collapse at a Morton Salt storage facility in Chicago December 30 caused tons of salt to spill into the adjacent McGrath Acura dealership's parking lot damaging several cars. Authorities reported that the collapse was likely due to salt being stored too high and that inspectors were assessing the structural integrity of the building.
Source: <http://chicago.suntimes.com/business/7/71/247701/building-collapse-reported-morton-salt-north-side>
 14. *December 31, Northland's NewsCenter* – (Minnesota) **At least 30 people sick after norovirus outbreak at Tycoons.** The Minnesota Department of Health is investigating a foodborne norovirus outbreak linked to Tycoons restaurant in Duluth after at least 30 patrons were sickened after eating at the business December 5.
Source: <http://www.northlandsnewscenter.com/news/local/30-people-sick-after-norovirus-outbreak-at-Tycoons-287156651.html>
 15. *December 30, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **John B. Sanfilippo & Son, Inc. voluntarily recalls Fisher brand 8 oz. chopped walnuts and Fisher brand 8 oz. pecan cookie pieces because of possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced December 30 that John B. Sanfilippo & Son, Inc., voluntarily recalled 8-ounce packages of its chopped walnuts and pecan cookie pieces products due to possible Salmonella contamination. The recalled products were sold at stores in several States and via Web-based sales.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm428489.htm>
 16. *December 30, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (California; Pennsylvania) **Bleating Heart Cheese expanding voluntary recall to include all cheese produced between February 14, 2014 to September 19, 2014.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported December 30 that Bleating Heart Cheese expanded its December 17 recall to cover all of its sheep milk, goat milk, water buffalo milk, and cows milk cheese produced between February 14 and September 19 as a precaution due to possible Listeria monocytogenes contamination. The affected cheeses were shipped to distributors servicing retail food shops, restaurants and stores in California and Pennsylvania.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm428494.htm>
 17. *December 30, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **TEN BC LLC issues allergy alert on undeclared peanuts in "Tommy's Superfoods 10 oz. Santa Fe Rice".** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced December 29 that Austin-based TEN BC LLC recalled 10-ounce packages of Tommy's Superfoods Santa Fe

Rice sold in the frozen foods section of retail stores nationwide due to undeclared peanuts. Production of the product was suspended until the labeling issue was corrected.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm428406.htm>

18. *December 30, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (Texas) **Texas firm recalls chicken and beef products due to misbranding and undeclared allergens.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service reported December 30 that J & B Sausage Co., expanded a December 27 recall for chicken and beef products to include an additional 9,909 pounds of Cajun Hollar Brand Inc. Creole Style Boudin following a recall for a third party supplier's spice ingredient that was contaminated with peanut allergens. The recalled products were shipped to retailers across Texas.

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2014/recall-091-2014-release-expansion>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

19. *December 31, Thomasville Times-Enterprise* – (Georgia) **Heavy rain causes Moultrie sewer discharge into Ochlockonee River.** At least 10,000 gallons of raw sewage from the City of Moultrie's sewer system spilled into the Ochlockonee River following a December 23-24 rain storm that placed the entire lift station under water.

Source: http://www.timesenterprise.com/news/local_news/heavy-rain-causes-moultrie-sewer-discharge-into-ochlockonee-river/article_3f988492-90e0-11e4-a838-c35730ad55c2.html

20. *December 30, Ithaca Journal* – (New York) **Ithaca Fire Dept. contained SO2 spill.** HAZMAT crews responded to a chemical spill at the Ithaca Waste Water Treatment Facility in New York December 29 after the supply line on a 150 pound sulfur dioxide cylinder ruptured and its contents released while a worker was moving the cylinder. Technicians shut down all cylinders in the facility while they investigated and contained the release and the facility was cleared after about 3 hours.

Source: <http://www.ithacajournal.com/story/news/public-safety/2014/12/30/ithaca-fire-dept-contained-spill/21056771/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

21. *December 31, CNN* – (National) **CDC: Flu at epidemic level; 15 children dead this season.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced December 30 that the U.S. officially surpassed the epidemic threshold for the flu virus for the season after a total of 15 children died due to the virus which was declared widespread among 36 States.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/12/31/health/flu-epidemic/index.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

22. *December 31, Suffolk News-Herald* – (Virginia) **Power outage closes courthouse.** A power outage prompted the closure of the Mills E. Godwin Court Complex in Suffolk December 31. The complex is scheduled to reopen January 5.

Source: <http://www.suffolknewsherald.com/2014/12/31/power-outage-closes-courthouse/>

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Emergency Services Sector

23. *December 31, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Man tries to run down police; they shoot, kill him.** Police shot and killed a man who had posted a video on social media threatening to kill police and FBI agents after he attempted to use his car to run down officers seeking to arrest him December 30 in Upper Darby. Police ordered the man out of his vehicle and opened fire when the suspect appeared to be accelerating in their direction.

Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/man-tries-to-run-down-police-they-shoot-kill-him/ar-BBhmObQ>

24. *December 30, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **Woman who escaped custody apprehended.** Police recaptured a woman nearly 12 hours after she escaped from the Harris County Sheriff's Office in Houston December 30 where she was being held in custody. The detainee allegedly walked out of the Harris County Jail's Inmate Processing Center with other inmates who were being released.

Source: <http://www.khou.com/story/news/crime/2014/12/30/woman-escapes-custody-from-harris-county-jail/21067057/>

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Information Technology Sector

25. *December 31, Softpedia* – (International) **Number of botnet control servers increased in 2014 – report.** Spamhaus released a report December 31 claiming that the number of IP addresses that have served at some point during 2014 as command and control (C&C) servers increased 7.88 percent to 7,182 addresses compared to 525 in 2013. The report also found that the Zeus banking trojan was the most common type of malware followed by Citadel.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Number-of-Botnet-Control-Servers-Increased-in-2014-Report-468721.shtml>

26. *December 30, Securityweek* – (International) **Android malware increasingly packaged with HTML5 apps: Trend Micro.** Trend Micro reported that hackers repackaged legitimate HTML5 applications into Android malware at an increase of 200 percent in 2014 compared to 2013, while the number of potentially unwanted applications (PUAs) and pieces of malware also increased, with nearly half of such Android threats being disguised as games.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/android-malware-increasingly-packaged-html5-apps-trend-micro>
27. *December 30, Softpedia* – (International) **Fake Apple store purchase notification lures to phishing page.** A researcher with Hoax-Slayer found a malicious email campaign that delivers messages claiming to be from Apple and informs the user that TomTom navigation has been purchased from their store, and provides a link to cancel the purchase which leads to a phishing page in an attempt to steal banking information.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Fake-Apple-Store-Purchase-Notification-Lures-to-Phishing-Page-468678.shtml>
28. *December 30, Threatpost* – (International) **XXE bug patched in Facebook careers third-party service.** Facebook rewarded a researcher who discovered a blind XXE (XML External Entity) Out of Band bug in its third-party service that handles resumes on Facebook's careers page. The vulnerability was patched after the researcher found that he was able to upload a .docx file with some additional code that was not vetted by the third-party service, which could allow an attacker to carry out a number of malicious activities.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/xxe-bug-patched-in-facebook-careers-third-party-service/110151>
29. *December 30, Threatpost* – (International) **Majority of 4G USB modems, SIM cards exploitable.** Positive Technologies' researchers found that 4G USB modems contain exploitable vulnerabilities which could allow attackers to gain full control of the machines to which the devices are connected to, including SIM cards via SMS over 4G networks. The vulnerabilities could also allow access to subscriber accounts on relevant carrier portals, and the impact of attack methods include smartphones, industrial control systems (ICS), and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) machines.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/majority-of-4g-usb-modems-sim-cards-exploitable/110139>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

30. *December 30, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Electrical fire causes \$100,000 in damages to downtown Portland condo tower.** A 2-alarm fire that broke out in an electrical vault at the Harrison West condominium building in downtown Portland December 30 caused an estimated \$100,000 in damages. Power was cut off to at least 3 floors of the structure while crews worked to make repairs.
Source: http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2014/12/electrical_fire_causes_100000_in_damages_to_downtown_portland_condo_tower.html
31. *December 30, Big Island Now* – (Hawaii) **Clothing fire forces evacuation of Hilo Walmart.** A suspicious fire in a clothing section of a Walmart store in Hilo December 30 prompted the store to evacuate and close indefinitely while authorities investigate the incident.
Source: <http://bigislandnow.com/2014/12/30/clothing-fire-forces-evacuation-of-hilo-walmart/>
32. *December 30, TAPinto.com* – (New Jersey) **3-alarm apartment fire displaces more than 20 occupants.** A 3-alarm fire at a 17-unit apartment building in Edison, New Jersey, December 30 displaced 20 residents. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
Source: <http://tapinto.net/articles/3-alarm-apartment-fire-displaces-more-than-20-occ>
33. *December 29, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Fire causes \$300,000 damage to Cleveland hotel.** A kitchen fire at the Wyndham Hotel in downtown Cleveland December 29 caused an estimated \$300,000 in damage and prompted a temporary evacuation of about 12 guests. Firefighters extinguished the blaze that entered into the hotel's ductwork.
Source: <http://www.indeonline.com/article/20141229/News/141229415>

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Dams Sector

34. *December 30, Fayetteville Observer* – (North Carolina) **Woodlake Resort and Country Club ordered to lower lake because of unsafe dam.** State officials ordered

the Woodlake Resort and Country Club in Vass to lower its 1,200-acre lake by 3 feet to relieve some of the stress placed on a “high hazard” dam that could possibly threaten human life or property if it failed. A dam safety order issued by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources requires Woodlake to submit a plan by March 16, 2015 outlining how to fix or breach the dam that has several cracks and a void of unknown size at the bottom of its main spillway.

Source: http://www.fayobserver.com/news/local/woodlake-resort-and-country-club-ordered-to-lower-lake-because/article_dc4ed15d-6638-5bd5-b389-17dfb47ccda3.html

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